

For the upcoming season of 2018/19 for Tajikistan:

To complete your bookings for each of your hunters we need to collect:

- A clear color scan of hunter's current passport.
   The passport must remain valid for a minimum period of 6 months past the date of departure from Tajikistan and must have at least 2 full blank page for the visas.
- Full residence address (not a P.O.Box);
- License booking security deposits of USD 12'000 for each Argali trophy and USD 2'000 for each Mid-Asian Ibex trophy.

These are the lowest possible amounts to confirm your bookings, the maximum is up to you. Deposit payments will be collected at the bank account of ours or our local partners' in the regions.

For each upcoming wire we'll be providing specific wiring instructions.

Later, approximately 3 months prior to the hunt onset, for each of your hunters we need to collect:

- Hunting rifle information in typing, as follows: make/model, caliber, serial #, number of ammo;
- A clear color scan of Form 4457 for the same rifle;

Full balance for the hunt will be due 45 days prior to the trip onset. For each upcoming wire we'll be providing specific wiring instructions.

## TRAVEL, TICKETS, VISAS:

Airport of destination is Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan.

Recommended airlines: Turkish Airlines with connection flights through Istanbul.

Airlines booking must be reviewed and confirmed by us prior to purchasing the tickets.

As many of our hunts get successfully completed ahead of schedule, we strongly recommend to have return tickets booked with open date for easy change.

Also, for return flights schedule if there is a connection flight after first entry into the US from Tajikistan, it's very important to have time gap between two flights long enough to complete Customs clearance procedure for trophies that sometime could be taken on the plane.

Tajikistan has quite a modern system of electronic visa application, where visa approvals are issued online within 24 hours with no need to mail passports anywhere.

With such preliminary e-visa approval received, visas will be granted to hunters at the airport upon arrival.

We'll provide all necessary information to proceed with the visas.

## **HUNTING RIFLE, AMMO:**

For hunters coming to Tajikistan with own hunting firearms, rifle import permit must be registered with local Police Department.

We do all paperwork and e-mail a copy of the permit to hunters through you or directly, before their departure from the US.

Ammunition must be transported in a locked metal box;

## TROPHY IMPORT PERMITS:

Argali trophies are subject to obtaining an individual import permit from the USFWS prior to the hunt. In general, application are filed in early May with permits being issued in July-August and received by hunters in mail.

The Form 3-200-21 must be used, the link to it is <u>here – click.</u> For up-to-date application requirements, please consult with <u>the official FWS site.</u>

Upon receipt by the hunter, the permit shall be scanned and e-mailed to us through you or directly. Original document with its several copies must be taken to Tajikistan.

Also we recommend that prior to departure from the US, hunters find out contact details for USFWS Customs control department at the US airport of their first entry on return flight. This will be very useful, if they are able to take their trophies back on the plane.

Mid-Asian Ibex trophies from Tajikistan currently do not require an import permit.

Therefore, a hunter to Tajikistan before departing from US must have the following:

- Valid passport;
- Several printouts of e-visa approval received in advance;
- Round-trip airline tickets with flexible return date booking;
- Hunting rifle with all ammo put in a locked metal box for transportation;
- Several copies of Tajikistan import permit for his hunting rifle;
- ORIGINAL Argali trophy import permit with its several copies.
- List with contacts for USFWS Customs control department at the US airport of first entry.

## TROPHIES, POST-HUNTING PROCEDURES:

In most cases, we have been successful in expedited processing of all post-hunting and trophy export documents, so our hunters were able to take their trophies along on the plane as luggage. In this case, their their <u>original</u> Argali trophy import permit must be presented to the USFWS authorities upon arrival to the US airport of destination.

However, on certain occasions post-hunting and trophy export paperwork can take more time. If this happens, all trophies will be left in Dushanbe for conservation taxidermy treatment and will be stored in appropriate conditions awaiting post-hunting and trophy export paperwork accomplishment. Once everything is ready for shipment, our local partners will send an invoice for their entire trophy related costs and services. This invoice must be paid for the shipment to be released from Dushanbe to a hunter's Customs broker.

That's mainly it for Tajikistan.

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